Airports in M.P.

† 812. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of airports with Airports Authority of India in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) out of them the names of airports which are proposed to be made of international level; and

(c) the obstacles which are being faced to implement these proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) There are six airports, namely Bhopal, Indore, Jabalpur, Khajuraho, Khandwa and Panna and one Civil Enclave at Gwalior Defence Airfield maintained by Airports Authority of India (AAI) in Madhya Pradesh.

(b) and (c) At present, there is no proposal for making any International level airport in Madhya Pradesh.

Declaration of a domestic airport as an international level airport requires availability of various facilities and infrastructure, traffic demand, commercial viability, firm commitment from airlines operators etc. As and when such preconditions are achieved, the action for upgradation of airport is initiated.

Development of airports in Madhya Pradesh

† 813. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of airports for the development of which land has been given to Airports Authority of India by Madhya Pradesh Government;

(b) the number of airports out of them in which the development work has been completed;

(c) whether demand of 5.87 acre of land has been made by the State Government of Madhya Pradesh from the Authority; and

(d) the action Government are taking towards meeting this demand?

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